

MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Board Members in Attendance

Morgan Selph
Bob Vanbibber
Dani Murakami
Dana Dimitrich
Doug Hill

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Bob Vanbibber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dana Dimitrich made a motion to approve the April 8 minutes. Morgan Selph seconded. Motion was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Citizens

DISCUSS PICKLEBALL COURT CONCEPTUAL PLAN

Doug reported that since the last meeting, the City hired Think Architecture to get this project ready to go to bid, as well as to provide construction management while being constructed. They had a kick off meeting with some of the staff and representatives in the local pickleball community to get feedback and suggestions and then asked the board for their comments. The board expressed that they liked the area, they suggested to switch around a few things like the benches and shade structures. They suggested to build the benches without backs so they are more universal.

DISCUSS WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS IN MURRAY PARK

Doug explained that the Mayor has expressed that he would like to have Murray Park be a free Wi-Fi access area. It would be about \$500 a month for the service. The Mayor asked the IT department to get bids on what it would take/cost to wire and structure the park for this service. They got two bids for around the same cost, about \$200,000.00. Part of the service would require very tall poles and wires to be put up throughout the park to make it work. Doug asked the board their opinions on if they like the idea on having Wi-Fi in the park, if they think it's worth the money to do it, and what they think about the poles and wires that have to be put up with it. Bob Vanbibber made a motion that they consider

the possibility of putting free WI-FI access in the park but that they stick to higher traffic areas (ie. Park Center, Swimming Pool, Ken Price, Softball field, Amphitheater) where they can put signals on top of buildings instead paying the cost of putting in the tall poles and wires throughout the park, and then maybe address other areas in the park later on when more money is available. Dani Murakami seconded.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Doug reported that they have been receiving some flak from the new homeowners that are along the park about the old garage that is there and that they want it demolished. The parks & rec department has expressed that they could really use the storage space. So they will keep it for now but will address later on, other areas where they might be able to build another garage.

He reported that everything else is going well. Recreation programs are transitioning to the fall/winter sports.

QUESTIONS

Dana Dimitrich asked where the recycling project stands. Doug answered that it is out for bid and they are waiting for proposals to come back.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Vanbibber made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dani Murakami seconded that motion. Motion was unanimous and meeting adjourned.